



# Manor Farm Infant School

Half Termly Newsletter  
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School Values

Be Kind  
Have Respect  
Achieve Your Best

## October

Dear Parents and Carers,

*As we reach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I am delighted to reflect on what has been a wonderful start to the year at Manor Farm Infant School.*

*Our new children in EYFS have settled in brilliantly, showing enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning. Equally, our Year 1 and Year 2 children have transitioned well into their new classes, embracing the challenges and excitement that come with a new year.*

*A huge well done to all of the children who performed in our Autumn assembly – what a fantastic achievement, especially for our EYFS children, many of whom were on stage for the very first time. We are already looking forward to the magic of the upcoming Christmas performances.*

*We have also been celebrating our 2024/25 results, where we are proud to share that we have exceeded national averages in Year 1 phonics testing, Year 2 optional SAT's in reading, writing and maths, as well as EYFS Good Level of Development. These achievements are made all the more special because we continue to maintain nurture at the heart of everything we do. A heartfelt thank you to all our staff and parents as these successes are the result of a whole team effort.*

*Highlights of this half term have included a Performance Assembly, where children showcased a variety of acts with confidence and supported one another beautifully; Year 2's engaging assembly on the Great Fire of London; and our children enjoying the experiences that Forest School brings.*

*Thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you a restful half term, and we look forward to an exciting second half of autumn.*

Janice Woodhead

### Fantastic News

We are absolutely delighted to share the wonderful news that Alfie has completed his treatment for leukaemia. Our school community showed incredible generosity during last year's Pyjamarama fundraising day in support of Children with Cancer, and we know you will be thrilled to hear this happy update. To mark this special milestone, Year 1 celebrated with Alfie at a tea party, where he proudly rang the bell to signify the end of his treatment – a truly joyful moment for us all.

### DATES

23rd October—1.30pm—Autumn Assembly  
24th October—9.15am—Autumn Assembly  
24th October —Break up for half term  
27th October—31st October —Half Term  
3rd November—8.45am Return to school  
12th November—Parent teacher consultations—details to follow  
13th November—Flu Vaccinations  
18th November —Open Morning—Prospective New Pupils—9.30am  
19th November—School Photographs  
22nd November—Christmas Fayre  
25th November—Parent Info Meeting Phonics/Reading/Handwriting 2.15pm  
27th November—Parent Info Meeting Phonics/Reading/Handwriting 7pm  
3rd December —Open Morning—Prospective New Pupils—9.30am  
10th December—Rocksteady Concert—2pm  
w/c 15th December—Activity Week  
16th December —Xmas Performance—2pm  
17th December —Xmas Performance—2pm  
18th December —Xmas Performance with Creche—9.15am  
18th December—Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Parties (details to follow)  
18th December—Last Day of Term— 3.15pm  
18th December—Afterschool Club will close at 4.15pm  
6th January 2026—Return to School—8.45am  
13th January—Parent Info Meeting—Maths—2.15pm  
15th January—Parent Info Meeting—Maths—7pm  
21st January—Stay and Play—Reception 9am-10am  
21st January—Parent Class Visit—Chestnut class—2.15pm  
29th January—Parent Class Visit—Willow Class 9am  
29th January—Parent Class Visit—Beech Class—2.15pm  
3rd February—Parent Class Visit—Larch class 9am  
13th Feb—Year 2 Tenner Challenge  
13th February—Last day of term  
16th February—Half Term  
23rd February—Children return to school w/c 23rd February—Book Fayre  
11th March—Parents Teacher Consultation  
26th March—Spring Assembly with Creche 2.15pm  
27th March—Spring Assembly 9.15am  
27th March—Last Day of Term 3.15pm  
13th April—Return to School—8.45am



## Kindness in Bucks

Amanda came to visit this week and spoke during our Autumn assemblies. Thank you to all our families who donated to our collection. We would like to advise that donations can also be dropped at the Youth Centre on Rose Avenue at any time.

## Rita

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all parents and families for your kindness and support as we celebrated the life of Rita, our much-loved crossing patroller.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to wish her farewell and for the generous contributions that helped us create a beautiful floral "lollipop" tribute (pictured) and begin work on a lasting memorial in her honour.



## On-Site Forest School Area

Please can we request that children do not play in the on-site forest school area after school. We have had pieces of equipment broken and things go missing.

## Flu Vaccination

Information regarding the flu vaccination has already been sent out via email. Please remember that if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination you must opt out. Please speak to the school office if you need help to do this.

## Keeping Everyone Safe

Please remember not to park in front of the gates at the bottom of the school field (year 2 morning entry). We all play a part in keeping our school community safe. We also ask that you park considerately and avoid blocking neighbours' drives. Also, please do not walk through the staff car park at any time to keep everyone safe.

## Reading Shed Fun

Don't forget to make the most of our reading shed in the playground. It's a lovely way to supplement your child's reading and library books and to enjoy some extra stories together.

## Phonics, Reading and Handwriting Sessions

We are sorry that these sessions had to be cancelled but are please to advise you of the new dates.:

Tuesday 25th November at 2.15pm and Thursday 27th November at 7pm



## Meet the Governors

We would like to introduce our Governors to you. They will be available to meet with at our Open Mornings and at Parents Evening. More information on our governors can be found on the school website.



Wendy Terry



Chris Hoggett



James Rycroft



Sarah Winfield



Emma Robertson



Charlotte Holland



Vicki Boyd



Edward Mace

